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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS **VICTORIA, MAY 1987**

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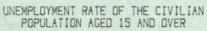
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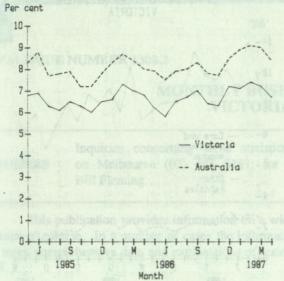
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In disease		Latest	Latest	One period	Two periods	Three	year ago	year per cent	Aust. figure	Au
ABOUR FORCE (a)						1,532.6	1,500.4	2.7	5,687.5	
Employed persons - full-time	,000	Apr 87 Apr 87	1,540.4	1,552.0 1,928.5	1,547.5	1,859.5	1,857.1	3.3	7,087.6	
- total Unemployed persons looking for work - full-tim		Apr 87	106.4	115.1	119.8	121.4	99.5	6.9	531.0	
- total	.000	Apr 87	136.9	150.3	150.0	142.0 2,001.5	135.2	1.3	652.2 7,739.9	
Labour force	,000	Apr 87	2,056.2	2,078.7	2,037.4 62.6	61.6	62.2	1.3	62.3	
Participation rate	per cent	Apr 87 Apr 87	6.7	7.2	7.4	7.1	6.8	-1.5	8.4	
Unemployment rate Job vacancies	'000	Feb 87	18.0	12.8	12.9	16.8	17.0	5.9	62.7	
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Feb 87	1.38	1.40	1.22	1.41	1.44	-4.2	1.19	-
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		N 96	427.70	415.60	407.20	401.20	396.30	7.9	427.20	
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - Males	3	Nov 86 Nov 86	450.30	437.50	429.70	421.50	417.40	7.9	452.10	
Females	5	Nov 86	378.30	368.30	359.80	358.40	351.40	7.7	372.70	Chair
All employees total earnings -	\$	Nov 86	388.50	374.80	374.80	370.10 423.50	365.50 421.30	6.3	380.60 446.30	
Males	\$	Nov 86 Nov 86	446.70 301.00	429.50 294.50	425.70 297.10	290.50	283.80	6.1	287.60	
Fernales CONSUMER PRICES (b)	,	MOA 90	301.00	274.30	271.10	270.00				
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=10	0) -				minutes of			100	1000	
Food	index	Dec qr 86	158.9	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2 137.9	10.2 9.7	156.0 152.2	0 1
Clothing	index	Dec qr 86	151.3	145.9 171.3	144.6	138.1 164.8	161.8	7.5	163.1	a desta
Housing	index	Dec qr 86 Dec qr 86	173.9 161.3	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	8.1	160.3	
Household equipment & operation Transportation	index	Dec qr 86	164.5	156.8	149.6	153.8	146.5	12.3	171.9	ZEAL
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Dec gr 86	176.8	171.8	168.1	165.1	160.7	10.0	180.2	1
Health & personal care	index	Dec qr 86	164.1	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6 129.2	18.4	153.6 139.1	1
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Dec qr 86	142.1 162.9	139.8 158.2	136.8 154.2	151.8	147.8	10.2	161.5	DA
All groups	index	Dec qr 86	102.9	130.2	DANGE A					
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Feb 87	1,146.4	1,231.6	1,714.0	1,267.0	1,048.8	9.3	4,237.1	
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -	-::!!ion	Feb 87	36	21	33	35	37	-2.7	143	-1
Clay bricks	'000 cu.m	Feb 87	268	188	236	278	261	2.7	1,134	Awer.
Ready mixed concrete Plastics & synthetic resins (c)	tonnes	Feb 87	34,967	24,886	32,573	36,517	56,519	-38.1	51,144	
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	2,758	1,124	3,505	3,329	2,669	3.3	3,325	
Cars & station wagons	,000	Feb 87	15.5	2.4	13.4	16.9 835	16.7 881	-7.2 2.3	25.8 1,836	061
Yams - Cotton	tonnes	Feb 87	901 1,356	282 583	1,262	1,456	1,471	-7.8	1,958	Oren
- Wool Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Feb 87 Feb 87	1,635	346	1,401	1,568	1,730	-5.5	3,374	SAT.
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	349	209	255	357	401	-13.0	828	-2
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	7,338	1,577	6,363	7,274	7,205	1.8	17,431	2
	illion kWh	Feb 87	2,413	2,450	2,292	2,325	2,220	8.7	9,971	
OVERSEAS TRADE Imports	Sm	Mar 87	1,081.4	1,067.2	1,094.2	1,152.3	928.3	16.5	3,059.7	1
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Mar 87	695.1	570.2	581.3	689.5	564.8	23.1	2,901.4	1
BUILDING	NOT THE PARTY OF									
Approvals -		16 07	0.000	2141	1 750	2 496	1,987	16.9	8,140	UPO)
New houses	No.	Mar 87 Mar 87	2,322	2,141	1,758	2,486	366	2.5	2,197	
New other residential buildings Value of all building	\$m	Mar 87	410.7	315.0	336.9	384.4	267.3	53.6	1,512.6	
Commencements -	- Jan		110						marine a	
New houses	No.	Dec qr 86	7,410	6,840	6,750	6,930	8,150	-9.1	23,530	
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 86	480.1	445.8	426.6	424.8	494.2	-2.9	1,428.2	duit.
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 86	1,245 59.2	1,352 57.9	1,150 47.9	1,385 56.6	1,695	-26.5 -13.1	6,837 339.3	
Value of new other residential buildings Value of non-residential building	\$m \$m	Dec qr 86 Dec qr 86	358.0	874.1	429.0	496.5	428.1	-16.4	1,974.8	
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 86	991.4	1,459.1	990.5	1,053.0	1,072.5	-7.6	4,023.7	
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,168.4	1,221.8	1,173.3	980.1	1,116.7	4.6	4,468.4	
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN B	UILDING,									
MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d)	index	Feb 87	106.0	105.7	105.4	105.2	101.1	4.8	106.4	
House building (1985-86=100) Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Feb 87	178.9	177.6	176.9	176.3	167.4	6.9	182.1	
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	No.	Mar 87	11,359	9,535	10,990	8,303	10,710	6.1	39,331) SI 9-1
Cars & station wagons	No.	Mar 87	9,653	8,153	9,419	7,106	8,970	7.6	32,043	
Other motor vehicles (excl motor cycles)	No.	Mar 87	1,706	1,382	1,571	1,197	1,740 575	-2.0	7,288	
Motor cycles BANKS	No.	Mar 87	368	486	471	370	313	-36.0	1,669	red .
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Mar 87	17,960	17,777	17,579	17,696	15,296	17.4	47,671	13/12
Major trading -	4.11		Ser freis	tapas A	1.60801	Marrie A			or Value	
Current deposits	\$m	Mar 87	5,058	4,647	4,639	4,493	4,107	23.2	16,485	
Fixed deposits	\$m	Mar 87	8,293	8,201	8,018	7,928	8,328	-0.4	30,059	
Advances Debits to gustomer's coounts (a)	\$m	Mar 87	13,775	13,371	13,337	13,110	11,094	24.2	125 458	
Debits to customers'accounts (e) HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPAT	TON \$m	Mar 87	29,758	26,290	23,340	29,478	25,376	17.3	125,458	nobt 2
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Mar 87	370.7	344.8	292.7	361.2	231.0	60.5	1,188.4	5
Savings banks	\$m	Mar 87	313.8	296.4	250.8	300.5	163.9	91.5	857.7	13
Trading banks	\$m	Mar 87	19.7	18.0	15.0	24.1	25.7		82.9	
Permanent building societies Other lenders	\$m \$m	Mar 87 Mar 87	20.8	16.1	14.5 12.4	21.0 15.7	20.1	3.5 -22.6	169.9 77.9	
Outer leatures	3m	MINI 6/	10.4	14.2	12.4	13.7	21.2	-22.0	71.9	-
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITU	RE (f) \$m	Dec qr 86	1,673	1,588	1,435	1,058	1,316	27.1	6,287	
Manufacturing	\$m	Dec qr 86	613	604	535	383	478	28.2	1,675	2
Finance	\$m	Dec qr 86	626	630	564	425	525	19.2	2,233	
New building and structures Other new capital equipment	\$m \$m	Dec qr 86 Dec qr 86	381 1,292	432 1,156	378 1,058	205 853	333 983	14.4 31.4	1,889 4,398	
(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have	Deen adilisi									

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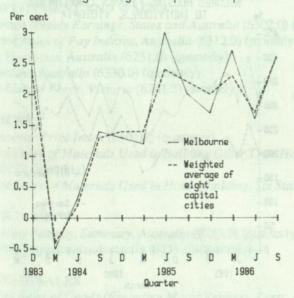
				Figures for preceding three periods			Figure	Change		Change
Indicator		Latest	Latest figure	One	Two	Three	one year ago	year per cent	Aust. figure	year Aust per cent
LABOUR FORCE (a)										
Employed persons - full-time - total	,000	Apr 87 Apr 87	1,540.4 1,919.3	1,552.0 1,928.5	1,547.5 1,887.4	1,532.6 1,859.5	1,500.4	3.3	5,687.5 7,087.6	1.2
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-tim		Apr 87	106.4	115.1	119.8	121.4	99.5	6.9	531.0	9.5
- total	,000	Apr 87	136.9	150.3	150.0	142.0	135.2	1.3	652.2	7.5
Labour force	,000	Apr 87	2,056.2	2,078.7	2,037.4 62.6	2,001.5	1,992.3	3.2 1.3	7,739.9	2.3 0.0
Participation rate Unemployment rate	per cent	Apr 87 Apr 87	6.7	7.2	7.4	7.1	6.8	-1.5	8.4	5.0
Job vacancies	,000	Feb 87	18.0	12.8	12.9	16.8	17.0	5.9	62.7	6.3
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Feb 87	1.38	1.40	1.22	1.41	1.44	4.2	1.19	-4.8
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	5	Nov 86	427.70	415.60	407.20	401.20	396.30	7.9	427.20	7.6
Males	S	Nov 86	450.30	437.50	429.70	421.50	417.40	7.9	452.10	7.7
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Females	Š	Nov 86	301.00	294.50	297.10	290.50	283.80	6.1	287.60	7.2
CONSUMER PRICES (b)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=10		Dec gr 86	158.9	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2	10.2	156.0	8.9
Food Clothing	index	Dec qr 86	151.3	145.9	144.6	138.1	137.9	9.7	152.2	10.2
Housing	index	Dec qr 86	173.9	171.3	168.6	164.8	161.8	7.5	163.1	7.2
Household equipment & operation	index	Dec qr 86	161.3	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	8.1	160.3	7.4
Transportation Tobacco & alcohol	index	Dec qr 86 Dec qr 86	164.5 176.8	156.8 171.8	149.6 168.1	153.8 165.1	146.5 160.7	12.3 10.0	171.9 180.2	11.8 10.7
Tobacco & alcohol Health & personal care	index	Dec qr 86	164.1	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6	18.4	153.6	18.0
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Dec qr 86	142.1	139.8	136.8	134.1	129.2	10.0	139.1	9.0
All groups	index	Dec qr 86	162.9	158.2	154.2	151.8	147.8	10.2	161.5	9.8
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Feb 87	1,146.4	1,231.6	1,714.0	1,267.0	1,048.8	9.3	4,237.1	8.6
PRODUCTION				Start La						
Manufacturing -	:111:	E-L 97	26	21	22	25	37	-2.7	143	106
Clay bricks Ready mixed concrete	million '000 cu.m	Feb 87 Feb 87	36 268	21 188	33 236	35 278	261	2.7	1,134	-10.6 -4.3
Plastics & synthetic resins (c)	tonnes	Feb 87	34,967	24,886	32,573	36,517	56,519	-38.1	51,144	4.9
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	2,758	1,124	3,505	3,329	2,669	3.3	3,325	0.9
Cars & station wagons	,000	Feb 87	15.5 901	2.4 282	13.4	16.9 835	16.7 881	-7.2 2.3	25.8 1,836	-6.2 1.3
Yarns - Cotton - Wool	tonnes	Feb 87 Feb 87	1,356	583	1,262	1,456	1,471	-7.8	1,958	-5.0
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	1,635	346	1,401	1,568	1,730	-5.5	3,374	-0.9
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	349	209	255	357	401	-13.0	828	-23.0
- Man-made fibres Electricity m	'000 sq.m illion kWh	Feb 87 Feb 87	7,338 2,413	1,577 2,450	6,363 2,292	7,274 2,325	7,205 2,220	1.8 8.7	17,431 9,971	28.4
OVERSEAS TRADE	IIIOII a III									
Imports	\$m	Mar 87	1,081.4	1,067.2	1,094.2	1,152.3	928.3	16.5	3,059.7	17.5
Exports (excl. re-exports) BUILDING	\$m	Mar 87	695.1	570.2	581.3	689.5	564.8	23.1	2,901.4	13.8
Approvals -	•									
New houses	No.	Mar 87	2,322	2,141	1,758	2,486	1,987	16.9	8,140	13.4
New other residential buildings	No. Sm	Mar 87 Mar 87	375 410.7	345 315.0	319 336.9	445 384.4	366 267.3	53.6	2,197 1,512.6	-6.2 43.0
Value of all building Commencements -	Jun	IVIAL O7	410.7	313.0	330.9	304.4	201.5	33.0	1,512.0	45.0
New houses	No.	Dec qr 86	7,410	6,840	6,750	6,930	8,150	-9.1	23,530	-16.3
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 86	480.1	445.8	426.6	424.8	494.2	-2.9	1,428.2	-9.3
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 86 Dec qr 86	1,245 59.2	1,352 57.9	1,150 47.9	1,385 56.6	1,695	-26.5 -13.1	6,837	-15.6 -3.9
Value of new other residential buildings Value of non-residential building	\$m	Dec qr 86	358.0	874.1	429.0	496.5	428.1	-16.4	1,974.8	-10.8
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 86	991.4	1,459.1	990.5	1,053.0	1,072.5	-7.6	4,023.7	-8.5
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,168.4	1,221.8	1,173.3	980.1	1,116.7	4.6	4,468.4	1.0
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN B MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d)	OILDING,									
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Feb 87	106.0	105.7	105.4	105.2	101.1	4.8	106.4	
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Feb 87	178.9	177.6	176.9	176.3	167.4	6.9	182.1	7.1
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS Cars & station wagons	No.	Mar 87 Mar 87	11,359 9,653	9,535 8,153	10,990 9,419	8,303 7,106	10,710 8,970	6.1	39,331 32,043	-10.8 -6.6
Other motor vehicles (excl motor cycles)	No.	Mar 87	1,706	1,382	1,571	1,197	1,740	-2.0	7,288	-25.4
Motor cycles	No.	Mar 87	368	486	471	370	575	-36.0	1,669	-39.3
BANKS Savines Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Mar 87	17,960	17,777	17,579	17,696	15,296	17.4	47,671	21.3
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period Major trading -	ЭШ	Ivial 01	17,000	21,111	לוקוז	17,090	13,270	11.4	47,071	
Current deposits	\$m	Mar 87	5,058	4,647	4,639	4,493	4,107	23.2	16,485	17.9
Fixed deposits	Sm	Mar 87	8,293	8,201	8,018	7,928	8,328	-0.4	30,059	
Advances Debits to distance 'accounts (a)	\$m \$m	Mar 87 Mar 87	13,775 29,758	13,371	13,337 23,340	13,110	11,094	24.2 17.3	44,540	206
Debits to customers'accounts (e) HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPAT		Ivial 0/	27,730	20,290	23,340	29,478	25,376	17.3	125,458	MONE
Secured commitments to individuals -	Sm	Mar 87	370.7	344.8	292.7	361.2	231.0	60.5	1,188.4	
Savings banks	\$m \$m	Mar 87 Mar 87	313.8 19.7	296.4	250.8	300.5	163.9	91.5	857.7	134.3 -39.8
Trading banks Permanent building societies	Sm Sm	Mar 87	20.8	18.0 16.1	15.0 14.5	24.1 21.0	25.7 20.1	-23.3 3.5	82.9 169.9	01
Other lenders	\$m	Mar 87	16.4	14.2	12.4	15.7	21.2	-22.6	77.9	
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ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITU Manufacturing	RE (f) Sm	Dec qr 86 Dec qr 86	1,673	1,588	1,435 535	1,058	1,316 478	27.1 28.2	6,287	22.3 27.4
Finance	\$m	Dec qr 86	626	630	564	425	525	19.2	2,233	17.3
New building and structures	\$m	Dec qr 86	381	432	378	205	333	14.4	1,889	17.5
Other new capital equipment (a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,292	1,156	1,058	853	983	31.4	4,398	24.4

(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (b) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (d) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (e) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (f) By private enterprises.

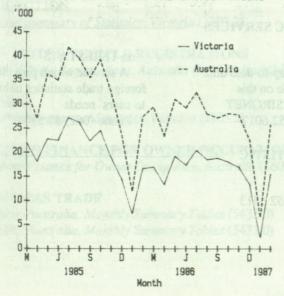




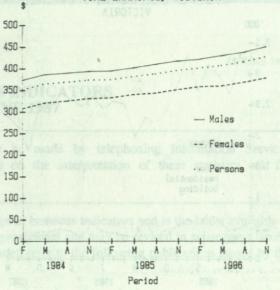
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS Percentage change from previous quarter



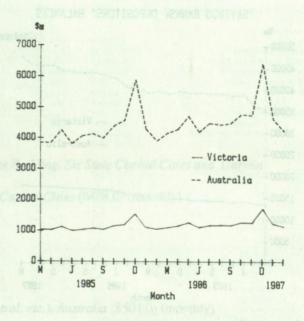
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS

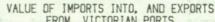


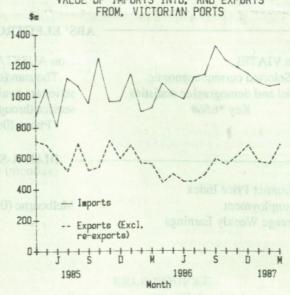
FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA



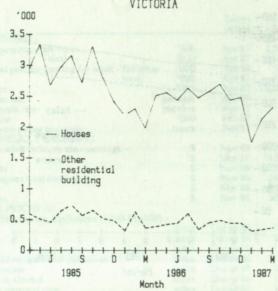
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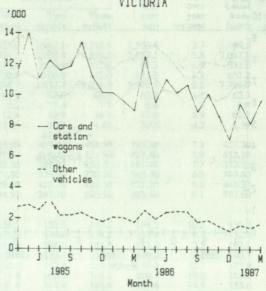




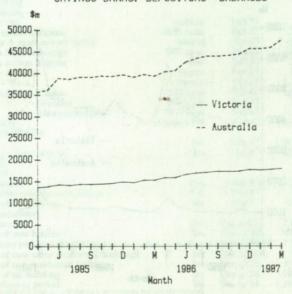




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